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RE: Comments on 6/26/06 Teck Cominco Deliverable – Project Team

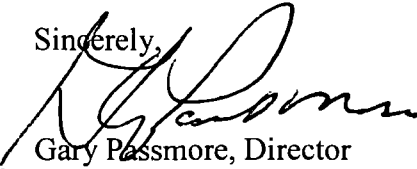
Dear Kevin and Sally:

The Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation (CCT) have the following comments, concerns and questions regarding the Teck Cominco 6/26/06 letter to EPA regarding the Teck Cominco Project Team for the RI/FS.

The PRP's sub-contractor, Parametrix is serving as a contractor for EPA Region 10 at other Superfund sites in the Region undergoing actions and here at the Upper Columbia River Site working for the PRP. At face value this seems to be a conflict of interest. We hereby request that EPA direct Parametrix to produce documentation detailing the firewall procedures that have been in place during all periods of time that Parametrix was working for both EPA in support of the EPA's oversight/enforcement role at Superfund sites in Region 10 and with Teck Cominco. In turn, CCT would like to see copies of such procedures including documentation evidencing the date when the firewall procedures were put in to place and any documentation demonstrating that they are being followed. As you know, "firewall" procedures are necessary to ensure that individuals are not improperly sharing or discussing information generated in connection with government EPA "enforcement/oversight" activities, such as those at Portland Harbor, with Parametrix employees and consultants representing Teck Cominco against EPA on the UCR.

In addition, we would like to bring to your attention that on Page 6, the summary of selected contractors/key personnel for Mr. Keith Underwood, Senior Fisheries Biologist gives false information regarding his "active membership" in professional organizations. As active members of the Lake Roosevelt Water Quality Council we can verify that Mr. Underwood has not been an active member for some years.

Sincerely,


Gary Passmore, Director
Office of Environmental Trust

Cc: Monica Tonel, Dave Croxton

